

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims presently in the application as follows:

Claim 1, line 1, delete "chip" and insert --tip--;

line 6, delete "chip" and insert --tip--.

Claim 2, line 1, delete "chip" and insert --tip--.

Claim 3, line 1, delete "chip" and insert --tip--.

Claim 4, line 1, delete "chip" and insert --tip--;

line 8, delete "chip" and insert --tip--.

Claim 5, line 1, delete "chip" and insert --tip--.

Claim 6, line 1, delete "chip" and insert --tip--.

Please add the following new claims to the application:

~~4~~ 22. A structural element, for trapping nucleic acid from a sample liquid by passing the sample liquid therethrough, which is formed from composite particles comprising resin particles as nuclei and particles of silicon oxide deposited on the surfaces of the resin particles by three-dimensionally bonding the composite particles to one another.

~~4~~ 23. A structural element according to claim ~~22~~, wherein the resin particles have particle sizes of 50 to 1,000 μm .--